

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Since its adoption in 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act has set the

standard for the full inclusion of people with disabilities in society, and

WHEREAS:

Americans with Disabilities Act regulations for Title II and Title III that came

into effect in 2012 will improve accessibility for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS:

The Minnesota building code consistently exceeds national standards on

accessibility and has become a model for other states striving to increase

opportunities for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS:

The Minnesota State Council on Disability has distributed over 5,000 emergency

preparedness brochures to individuals with disabilities and communities, to

educate them on disaster response; and

WHEREAS:

The disability community has worked collaboratively to provide leadership to

empower and strengthen the rights of Minnesotans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS:

By celebrating the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we

recognize the progress that has been made and reaffirm our dedication to the

principles of equality and inclusion for all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 26^{th} , 2012 as:

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of July.

GOVERNOR

Mark Kitchie

SECRETARY OF STATE